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Viewing cable 05PORTAUPRINCE1543, PRESIDENT'S CHIEF OF STAFF PAINTS GRIM SECURITY

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05PORTAUPRINCE1543	2005-06-03 17:06	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Port Au Prince

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FROM AMBASSADOR FOLEY

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/03/2020

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S CHIEF OF STAFF PAINTS GRIM SECURITY
PICTURE

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1497

Classified By: Ambassador James B. Foley for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

1. (S) SUMMARY: Presidential Chief of Staff Michel Brunache describes the May 31 attack on a Port-au-Prince marketplace by pro-Aristide chimer
2. (S) I met at his request yesterday with a demoralized Michel Brunache, chief of staff of interim President Alexandre. Brunache came to the
3. (S) Brunache mostly wanted to discuss the state of affairs within the police. He said the HNP had been warned several days in advance that
4. (S) Ideally, Brunache said Charles ought indeed to be replaced, but he agreed with me that it was difficult to identify an alternative that
5. (S) Basile had two problems, noted Brunache: Justice Minister Gousse, his immediate boss, and Prime Minister Latortue. Gousse had wanted to
6. (S) We discussed the Gousse problem at some length. Brunache said that the President had been persuaded that Gousse should go, but the Prin
7. (S) We also discussed the state of affairs within the IGOH. Brunache stressed that he and the President were strongly committed to keeping
8. (S) I asked Brunache where he saw the security situation heading. His answer was a virtual echo of the alarmist views of Minister for Haiti
9. (S) What worried Brunache the most was the state of opinion within Haitian society. He described a population seething with hatred, and liv
10. (S) Brunache pleaded for U.S. assistance. He first mentioned the need for air support and intelligence help from the United States. He lat
11. (S) Later I called the Prime Minister on a separate matter. Towards the end of our conversation he said he had had a lengthy discussion es
12. (S) Latortue also told me he would attempt to untangle the mess in New York with the Chinese. He regretted that Brunache had gone on the r

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